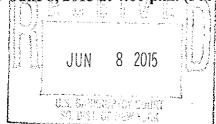
Hearing Date and Time: June 23, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. (Prevailing Eastern Time) Response Date and Time: June 8, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. (Prevailing Eastern Time)

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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

| |) | Case No. 12-12020 (MG) |
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| In re: |) | |
| |) | Chapter 11 |
| RESIDENTIAL CAPITAL, LLC, et al., |) | |
| |) | Jointly Administered |
| Debtors |) | |

Joycelyn W. Unciano's OBJECTION AGAINST: RESCAP TRUST'S EIGHTY SEVENTH OMNIBUS OBJECTION TO CLAIMS (I) NO LIABILITYBORROWER CLAIMS, (II) REDUCE AND ALLOW BORROWER CLAIM, AND (III) REDESIGNATE, REDUCE AND ALLOW BORROWER CLAIM. Case No. 12-12020-mg Doc. 8588 Filed 05/08/15 Entered 05/08/15

Joycelyn W. Unciano, represents self in this matter and hereby file this Objection Against ResCap Trust's Eighty-Seventh Omnibus Objection to Claims (I) No Liability Borrower Claims, (II) Reduce and Allow Borrower Claim, and (III) Redesignate, Reduce and Allow Borrower Claim (the "Omnibus Objection"), which seeks to alter my rights by disallowing my Claim No. 4091 against the above-captioned Debtors.

With the reasons set forth in the attached Declaration of Joycelyn W. Unciano of Objections Against ResCap Trust's Eighty-Seventh Omnibus Objection to Claims (the "Omnibus Objection") with reference to documents filed in the record, adopted herein by reference and with exhibits attached thereto.

Dated: June 5, 2015

Kapolei, Hawaii 96707

Respectfully Submitted,

Joycelyn W. Unciano, Pro se

DECLARATION of Joycelyn W. Unciano of Objection Against ResCap Trust's Eighty-Seventh Omnibus Objection to Claims (I), (II), & (III), (the "Omnibus Objection)"

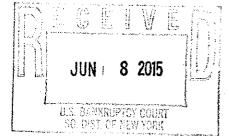
Declarant, Joycelyn W. Unciano, Declares that this Declaration of Objections Against ResCap Trust's Eighty-Seventh Omnibus Objection to Claims (I), (II), & (III). (the "Omnibus Objection") is made in Good Faith, with personal first-hand knowledge, over the age of maturity and with competence to testify in this matter.

Declarant Objects to ResCap's Trust's Eighty-Seventh Omnibus Objection to Claims (the "Omnibus Objection") which seeks to Alter Declarant's Rights and by Disallowing Declarant's Claim No. 4091 against the above-captioned Debtor's. See Claim No. 4091, Doc. 8588, Exhibit A @pp. 42-43, adopted herein for reference.

BACKGROUND:

- 1. My claim arises from the October, 2010 attempt by GMAC Mortgage, LLC ("GMACM") to pursue a Non-Judicial Foreclosure Auction of my property.
- 2. On August 10, 2010, a known Robo Signer, KRISTINE WILSON, as Vice-president for Homecomings Financial Network, Inc. executed a Fraudulent Invalid Assignment of Mortgage ("A/M") to GMACM; recorded in the Land Court of the State of Hawaii as Document No. 3999824 and Noted on TCT 546,739. See Doc 8588, Exhibit 7-A, Order Dismissing Complaint; pg. 167; See ECF 26-1. Adopted herein by reference.
- 3. Then on September 15, 2010, a little more than a month and after executing the above A/M to GMACM. The same KRISTINE WILSON, only this time as a Limited Signing Officer for GMACM issued a Notice of Mortgagee's Intention to Foreclose Under Power of Sale. *Id.* @ pg. 167; See ECF 26-2 Adopted herein by reference
- 4. October 6, 2010, affiant spoke to Defendant, David Rosen, Esq. the attorney listed in the Non-Judicial Foreclosure proceeding. David Rosen admitted knowledge of the parallel state-court judicial foreclosure proceeding and said, "I do not see how it affects my clients." Id. @

pg. 167-168; See FAC ¶ 18. Adopted herein by reference



- 5. On October 25, 2010, Affiant was forced to file a Complaint, Civil No. 1CC10-002273 in the Circuit Court of the First Circuit of the State of Hawaii to preclude the scheduled Non-Judicial Foreclosure Auction. *Id.* @ pg. 168 See FAC ¶ 24. Adopted herein by reference
- 6. October 27, 2010, the state-court granted my ex parte motion to enjoin GMACM'S non-judicial foreclosure auction. Judge Sakamoto was concerned about the simultaneous judicial foreclosure and non-judicial foreclosure by "separate competing mortgagees, Homecomings Financial, LLC and GMAC Mortgage, LLC." Id. ¶ 14. The state-court judge was also concerned about Wilson's signing of the A/M to GMACM on behalf of Homecomings Financial and later issuing of the Notice of the Non-Judicial Foreclosure on behalf of GMACM. Id. ¶ 15. Id. @ pg. 168 Adopted herein by reference; See Judge Sakamoto's Order, Exhibit "A" attached hereto.
- 7. GMACM initiated this Non-Judicial Foreclosure Auction while there was an active Judicial Foreclosure Complaint that was filed on May 15, 2003 as Civil No. 1CC 03-1-1029-05 in the Circuit Court of the First Circuit in the State of Hawaii, GMACM refused to enter the Judicial Foreclosure case, Washington Mutual Bank, FA v. Wayne Noelani Tom, et al. *Id.* @, pp. 165-204; First Amended Complaint ("FAC") ¶ 1, Dec. 13, 2010, ECF No. 26; Complaint ECF No. 26-3 ("2003 State Court Complaint"). Adopted herein by reference
- a. In the Judicial Foreclosure case the Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment was DENIED on 2 occasions, and copies were attached as Exhibits to Plaintiffs' FAC. *Id at ECF 26. Adopted herein by reference*
- b. The Order from Judge Mollway also addressed the **December 10, 2008**, Order entered in the state-court that substituted Homecomings Financial LLC, as PLAINTIFF. *See Doc 8588 at pg. 166; See ECF No. 26-5. Adopted herein by reference*.
- c. In addition, Judge Mollway acknowledges that GMACM initiated the non-judicial foreclosure while the judicial foreclosure case was pending. *Id.* @ p. 167. Judge Mollway acknowledges GMACM rescinded the Non-Judicial Foreclosure on November 8, 2010, but fails to address the Ex Parte Order Enjoining GMACM Non-Judicial Foreclosure Sale. *Id.*See also Exhibit A attached hereto.

- d. Also, in the Order Denying FAC, Judge Mollway took judicial notice of the Land Court Order filed March 2, 2011, (Land Court Order 186175, Petition of GMACM to Amend Assignment of Mortgage and Order) referred to as the Notice of Correction of the Name of Assignor from Homecomings Network, Inc., to Homecomings Financial, LLC. Id at pg 167 Fn4.
- 8. November 9, 2010, Defendants GMACM & Kristine Wilson's Notice to Adverse Party & Clerk for Removal of Action to the United States District Court of the District of Hawaii, in Civ. No. 10-00653 SOM/BMK. *See Doc 8588, at pg. 168, ECF No. 1*
- 9. In Civ. No. 10-00653 SOM/BMK, Declarant and Coleen Tom, appealed to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, 11-17905 and 117906, consolidated. See Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Memorandum, Doc 8588 @ Exhibit 7C @ pp. 201-204
- 10. In the Judicial Foreclosure case, Declarant filed appeals to the Hawaii Intermediate Court of Appeals, from the August 18, 2011, Judgment of Foreclosure and Order Granting Motion to Substitute GMAC as Plaintiff, and for Summary Judgment on all claims in the Complaint; from the March 25, 2013 Final Judgment re: Confirmation of Sale and Judgment/Writ of Possession. In addition, Declarant filed a Petition in the Land Court to Cancel Land Court Order 186175, recorded on March 2, 2011 (Petition of GMACM to Amend Land Court Order 186175, correction of assignor's name). The three separate appeal cases were Consolidated In the Intermediate Court of Appeals of the State of Hawaii as follows
 - (1) *CAAP-11-0001081*/Civ. No. 03-1-1029-05 August 18, 2011 Judgment of Foreclosure;
 - (2) *CAAP-13-0000306*/Civ. No. 03-1-1029-05

 March 25, 2013 Final Judgment Conformation of Sale/Judgment of Possession;
 - (3) CAAP-13-0001307/1LD11-1-002518, Application 1069, Case No. 11-1069 May 20, 2013 Final Order Denying Unciano's Petition to Cancel LCO 186175.
- 11. On June 30, 2014, the Intermediate Court of Appeals of the State of Hawaii entered it's Summary Disposition Order that held GMAC failed to prove that it was the holder of the Western Pacific Mortgage, and failed to show any connection from Homecomings Financial

Network Inc., a MN corporation to the Homecomings Delaware entities, and VACATED ALL JUDGMENTS AND ORDERS issued in CAAP 11-0001081, CAAP 13-0000306, and CAAP 13-0001307. A certified copy of the HAWAII ICA June 30, 2014, SDO Order is attached hereto as *Exhibit "B"*, see pp. 8-9.

- 12. The Hawaii ICA also issued an Order of Correction dated August 27, 2014 regarding a case number. A certified copy of the August 27, 2014; Order of Correction is attached hereto as Exhibit "C".
- 13. Also on August 27, 2014, the Hawaii ICA entered its Judgment on Appeal dated August 27, 2014. A certified copy of the August 27, 2014 Judgment on Appeal is attached hereto as Exhibit "D".
- 14. On July 7, 2014, Declarant notified the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals of the June 30, 2014 Hawaii ICA Summary Disposition Order vacating all Judgments and Orders. A true and exact copy of No. 11-17906, Dkt Entry 52-2, filed July 7, 2014 is attached as Exhibit E.
- 15. The December 18, 2014 Memorandum Opinion filed in the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, Case No.'s 11-17905 and 11-17906, fails to make any reference to June 30, 2014 Hawaii ICA Summary Disposition Order. *See Doc 8588 Exhibit 7-C at pgs 201-204*.

OBJECTION

- 16. This Honorable Court *should* DENY the Borrowers Trustee's Objection to my Claim No. 4091. It's true the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals DENIED my appeal, and AFFIRMED the Order Dismissing Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint and *Order Denying Motion for Reconsideration* issued by the Honorable Judge Susan Mollway of the U.S. District Court-District of Hawaii, CV 10-00653 SOM/BMK. See Doc. 8588 Exhibits 7A-7C. However, there are Cogent Reasons for re-litigation of my Complaint that was removed to Federal Court by GMACM.
- 17. According to Hawaii State Law and Federal Law, under the Law of the Case Doctrine, a second court may disturb another court's ruling where "Cogent Reasons Exist":

The normal hesitancy that a court would have in modifying its own prior rulings is even greater when a judge is asked to vacate the order of a brother or sister judge. The general rule which requires adherence to a prior interlocutory order of another judge of the same

court thus commands even greater respect than the doctrine of "law of the case" which refers to the usual practice of courts to refuse to disturb all prior rulings in a particular case, including rulings made by the judge himself.

Wong v. City & County of Honolulu, 66 Haw. 389, 395-396, 665 P.2d 157, 163 (Hawaii Supreme Court 1983) (See 132 A.L.R. at 15. Cf. Jordan v. Hamada, 64 Haw. 446, 450, 643 P.2d 70, 72 (1982); Cain v. Cain, 59 Haw. 32, 36, 575 P.2d 468, 472-473, (1978); Gallas v. Sanchez, 48 Haw. 370, 382, 405 P.2d 772, 779 (1965); Glover v. Fong, 42 Haw. 560, 578 (1958).

Unless *cogent reasons* support the second court's action, any modification of a prior ruling of another court of equal and concurrent jurisdiction will be deemed an abuse of discretion.

Id. (See Greyhound Computer Corp., Inc. v. International Business Machines Corp., 559 F.2d 488, 508 (9th Cir.1977), cert. denied, 434 U.S. 1040, 98 S.Ct. 782, 54 L.Ed. 790 (1978); Shreve v. Cheesman, 69 F. at 791; In re Airport Car Rental Antitrust Litigation, 521 F.Supp. 568, 572 (N.D.Cal.1981), aff'd. 693 F.2d 84 (9th Cir.1982)).

18. The Law of the Case Doctrine exception for *Cogent Reasons* is also approved by the United States Supreme Court:

An issue decided on a prior appeal is not foreclosed with all the finality of *res judicata* when the case comes back to this court. While informing the court's discretion, law of the case does not limit the tribunal's power." However, we do not revisit such a final decision "absent' cogent' or 'compelling' reasons.

Arizona v. California, 460 U.S. 605 618, 103 S.Crt. 1382, 75 L.Ed. 318(1983) see also 18 Charles A. Wright, Arthur R. Miller, Edward H. Cooper, Federal Practice and Procedure § 4478, at 788-89 (1981).

- 19. In this case there are Cogent Reasons for ignoring both the decision of the United States District Court-District of Hawaii and the Memorandum Opinion from the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. See Doc. 8588; (1)Order Dismissing Complaint, Exhibit 7-A, @ pp 163-189; (2) Order Denying Motion for Reconsideration, Exhibit 7-B,@ pp 190-200; (3) Ninth Circuit's MEMORANDUM Opinion, Exhibit 7-C, @ pp 201-204.
- 20. When you compare the US District Court Order Dismissing FAC, with the June 30, 2014 Hawaii ICA Summary Disposition Order, all of the issues Judge Mollway refers to in support of GMACM, have been vacated by the ICA. See Doc 8858 Exhibit 7-A. See Also Exhibit B, @ pp. 8-9.

- 21. Further, the 9th Circuit Opinion fails to address the Hawaii Intermediate Court of Appeals decision in my Hawaii Consolidated Appeals cases, CAAP 11-0001081 (Foreclosure Judgment & Order Substituting GMACM as Plaintiff; CAAP 13-0000306 (Judgment Confirmation of Sale, and Judgment of Possession); and CAAP 13-0001307 (Land Court Appeal Order Denying Unciano's Petition to Cancel Assignment of Mortgage to GMAC), where the Hawaii Appellate Court specifically held that GMAC Mortgage, LLC failed to prove that it owned the Western Pacific Mortgage, that GMACM lacked standing to pursue foreclosure AND *VACATED* all of the GMACM Judgments and Orders that I appealed from. <u>See Id</u>. See June 30, 2014 Hawaii Exhibit "B" ICA Summary Disposition Order; @pp. 8-9, Exhibit "C" Order of Correction; Exhibit "D" Judgment; attached hereto.
- 22. Further, on remand, GMACM will not be allowed to proceed as Plaintiff, in the Judicial Foreclosure Case or serve as Respondent in the Land Court Case, unless it can prove it owns the mortgage. *Id. at Exhibit(s) "B"*, @ pp. 8-9.
- Order 186175 Amending the A/M to GMACM will be canceled and removed from my Certificate of Title. This is the document GMACM obtained March 2, 2011, after filing its Motion to Dismiss my First Amended Complaint in the Federal Court, on Dec. 29, 2010. This document was filed in the GMACM Reply Brief as Exhibit D, and the Honorable Judge Susan Mollway relied on that document to reach her decision in her Order Dismissing Complaint. See Order, Doc. 8588, Exhibit 7-A, pp 163-189, 167 fn4. See also Exhibit B, @pp. 8-9.
- 24. These are cogent reasons for the next court to ignore the 9th Circuit Memorandum Opinion as well as the U.S. District Court-District of Hawaii Order Dismissing Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint.
- 25. My Claim No.4091 should not be dismissed as the documents attached to my original claim show that this case arises from GMACM'S attempt to foreclose on my property through the Hawaii Non-Judicial Foreclosure Statute in October 2010. See Claim No.4091, See Order Denving FAC, Doc 8858 Exhibit 7A. Coleen Tom and I immediately filed suit in the

First Circuit Court State of Hawaii, Case No. 10-1-2273-10, where we obtained an Order Granting Ex Parte Motion to Enjoin Foreclosure Auction of my property. See Claim No. 4091. *Copy of TRO attached hereto as Exhibit "A"*.

- 26. According to the Borrower Trust's Objection to my Claim #4091, the Supplement Servicing Order permits foreclosure cases to proceed. *See Borrower Trustee's Objection, See Supplement Servicing Order*. The federal case, as well as the State case, being a foreclosure case, the Automatic Stay does not prevent further litigation of Claim 4091.
- 27. Further the Consent Order issued April 12, 2012 expressly provides for payments to be made regarding foreclosures made during the period of 2009 and 2010, of which my claim falls within. *See Doc 8588 at p. 10.*
- 28. The Hawaii Intermediate Court of Appeals has provided me with some relief in vacating the GMACM Judgments and Orders, as well as holding GMACM failed to prove it has any interest in the Western Pacific Mortgage. *See Exhibit B, SDO @ pp.8-9.*
- 29. I was displaced from my home for over 14 months as the result of GMACM'S wrongful acts, and incurred considerable expenses in storage fees and loss of use of my property, etc. If the Consent Order is not to protect persons in my situation who would ever be eligible for compensation from the Consent Order?
- 30. Further, it is my understanding this Honorable Court has approved the transfer of the GMACM'S interest in the Western Pacific Mortgage to a different entity, who then transferred to another entity, and my Certificate of Title now has two additional clouds, and it will take additional litigation to have those interests removed.
- 31. I do wonder if anyone has informed the transferee that GMAC never had any interest in the Western Pacific Mortgage recorded on my property, but that is not my kuleana.

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32. Respectfully, I request this Honorable Court grant me relief in this matter, and allow my Claim #4091 to survive the Borrower's Trust Objection, and to make the determination my Claim is eligible for payment from the Consent Order.

Declarant, Declares under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 5th day of June, 2015.

Kapolei, Hawaii

Joycelyn W. Unciano, Declarant

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COLEEN ETSUKO TOM and JOYCELYN WANDA UNCIANO,

Plaintiffs,

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GMAC Mortgage, LLC, a

Delaware Limited Liability

Company, registered to do

Business in the State of

Pennsylvania; DAVID B. ROSEN,

ESQ., an attorney licensed

to practice law in the State

of Hawaii; KRISTINE WILSON,

individually and in her

capacity as Limited Signing

Officer for GMAC Mortgage,

LLC; DOE INDIVIDUALS 1-10;

DOE BUSINESS ENTITIES 1-10;

DOE LLCs 1-10; and DOE

CORPORATE ENTITIES 1-10,

Defendants.

Civ. No. 10-1-2273-10 A.MARPLE

ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFFS.

EX PARTE MOTION FOR TEMPORARY
RESTRAINING ORDER TO ENJOIN
DEFENDANTS' NON-JUDICIAL

FORECLOSURE AUCTION SCHEDULED

FOR OCTOBER 29, 2010

ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFFS' EX PARTE MOTION FOR TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER TO ENJOIN DEFENDANTS' NON-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE AUCTION SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 29, 2010

Upon review of (1) Plaintiffs' Ex Parte Motion for Temporary Restraining Order to Enjoin Defendants' Non-Judicial Foreclosure Auction Scheduled for October 29, 2010 and (2) Plaintiffs' Verified Complaint and attached exhibits filed in this court on October 25, 2010, the court, pursuant to Hawaii Rules of Civil Procedure Rule 65(b), hereby GRANTS Plaintiffs' motion for the following reasons:

EXHIBIT "A"

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- 1. Plaintiffs have shown, and the court takes judicial notice, that a judicial foreclosure proceeding upon the same real property is pending before this court (The Honorable Judge Bert I. Ayabe presiding) in Civ. No. 03-1-1029-05, Homecomings Financial, LLC v. Coleen Etsuko Tom (et al.), the complaint having been originally filed on May 15, 2003.
- 2. It appears that the real property in question is described as 92-309 Nohona Place, Kapolei, Hawaii (as reflected in the May 15, 2003 complaint in Civ. No. 03-1-1029-05) or, in the alternative, as 92-309 Nohona Street, Kapolei, Hawaii (as described by plaintiffs in their ex parte motion for temporary restraining order, and as asserted by the May 15, 2003 complaint in Civ. No. 03-1-1029-05 to be the true property address).
- 3. The court takes judicial notice that the judicial foreclosure proceeding in Civ. No. 03-1-1029-05 is still pending.
- 4. The court takes judicial notice that as of December 10, 2008, in Civ. No. 03-1-1029-05, party Homecomings Financial, LLC substituted itself as plaintiff in place of Homecomings Financial Network, Inc., pursuant to court order granting the substitution.
- 5. The court takes judicial notice that the May 15, 2003 complaint in Civ. No. 03-1-1029-05 seeks judicial foreclosure upon an alleged mortgage dated March 21, 1995,

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executed by Wayne Noelani Tom and Coleen Etsuko Tom, filed in the Office of the Assistant Registrar, Land Court, State of Hawaii on March 24, 1995, allegedly recorded as Document No. 2226366 and noted on Transfer Certificate of Title No. 546,739.

- 6. It appears that an Assignment of Mortgage was recorded in the State of Hawaii Land Court and/or in State of Hawaii the Bureau of Conveyances on September 16, 2010, in which entity Homecomings Financial Network, Inc. assigned from itself to GMAC Mortgage, LLC a mortgage purportedly dated March 21, 1995, executed by Wayne Noelani Tom and Coleen Etsuko Tom, filed in the Office of the Assistant Registrar, Land Court, State of Hawaii on March 24, 1995, recorded as Document No. 2226366 and noted on Transfer Certificate of Title No. 454,267.
- 7. This Assignment of Mortgage recorded September 16, 2010 appears to bear hand-written corrections referencing a "CT 546,739."
- 8. This Assignment of Mortgage recorded September 16, 2010 is signed on behalf of Homecomings Financial Network, Inc. by a certain Kristine Wilson as Vice President.
- 9. The court has also received from Plaintiffs a "Notice of Mortgagee's Intention to Foreclose Under Power of Sale" dated September 15, 2010, which references a mortgage dated March 21, 1995, recorded on March 24, 1995 in the Office of the Assistant Registrar in the County of Honolulu, State of

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Hawaii, Land Court, as Document No. 2226366, on Transfer Certificate Title No. 454,267, the subject real property located at "92-309 NOHONA PLACE ALSO APPEARING OF RECORD AS 92-309 NOHONA STREET KAPOLEI HI 96707".

- 10. The aforementioned "Notice of Mortgagee's Intention to Foreclose Under Power of Sale" dated September 15, 2010 was signed for GMAC Mortgage, LLC by Kristine Wilson, who was designated as "Limited Signing Officer".
- 11. According to the aforementioned "Notice of Mortgagee's Intention to Foreclose Under Power of Sale" dated September 15, 2010, inquiries are to be directed to David B. Rosen, Esq.
- judicial foreclosure pending in Civ. No. 03-1-1029-05 before this court and (b) the non-judicial foreclosure proceedings apparently initiated and/or reflected by the "Notice of Mortgagee's Intention to Foreclose Under Power of Sale" dated September 15, 2010 concern the same mortgage upon the same real property.
- 13. It further appears to this court that party
 Kristine Wilson, who is nominally Vice President of entity
 Homecomings Financial Network, Inc., is also acting as "Limited
 Signing Officer" for GMAC Mortgage, LLC for purposes of
 attempting, or noticing, a non-judicial foreclosure of the

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subject mortgage in the instant matter.

- 14. The court is concerned by what appears to be simultaneous judicial and non-judicial foreclosure proceedings upon the same mortgage and same real property, by two apparently separate competing mortgagees, Homecomings Financial, LLC and GMAC Mortgage, LLC.
- Wilson acting as Vice President of apparently former plaintiff
 Homecomings Financial Network, Inc. in Civ. No. 03-1-1029-05 and
 as "Limited Signing Officer" for GMAC Mortgage, LLC in the nonjudicial foreclosure proceedings, and cannot ascertain, at
 minimum, whether Kristine Wilson has proper authority to act as
 GMAC Mortgage, LLC's "Limited Signing Officer" and/or to act on
 behalf of GMAC Mortgage, LLC in signing a "Notice of Mortgagee's
 Intention to Foreclose Under Power of Sale".
- the real property described as 92-309 Nohona Place, Kapolei,
 Hawaii or 92-309 Nohona Street, Kapolei, Hawaii, which is
 alleged to be Plaintiffs' family home, is allegedly scheduled to
 occur on Friday, October 29, 2010, the court finds that it
 clearly appears from specific facts shown by Plaintiffs'
 verified complaint and the attached exhibits thereto that
 immediate and irreparable injury or loss will result to
 Plaintiffs-applicants before Defendants or Defendants' attorneys

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can be heard in opposition to Plaintiffs' motion for temporary restraining order (submitted ex parte).

TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER

THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered, adjudged and decreed that:

- Plaintiffs' motion is hereby granted, and the Temporary Restraining Order is hereby issued.
- 2. Defendants GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC, KRISTINE WILSON, and DAVID B. ROSEN, ESQ. are enjoined from taking any further action to conduct a non-judicial foreclosure sale regarding the real property located at 92-309 Nohona Street, Kapolei, HI (also known as 92-309 Nohona Place, Kapolei, HI).
- until Friday, November 5, 2010, at 4:00 P.M. The hearing on Plaintiffs' "Motion for Preliminary Injunction to Enjoin Defendants' Non-Judicial Foreclosure Auction Scheduled for October 29, 2010 Pursuant to Rule 65 HRCP and HRS §480-13(b)2) [sic]" is scheduled for hearing before the Honorable Karl. K. Sakamoto on Kov. 3, 2010, at 9:30 A.M./P.M., in his Courtroom at Kaahumanu Hale, 777 Punchbowl Street, Honolulu, HI 96813.

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Judge of the above-entitled Court

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IN THE INTERMEDIATE COURT OF APPEALS

OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

CAAP-11-0001081

GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, Plaintiff-Appellee,

vs.
JOYCELYN WANDA UNCIANO, Defendant-Appellant
and
WAYNE NOELANI TOM, et al., Defendants

APPEAL FROM THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT (Civil No. 03-1-1029-05)

and

CAAP-13-0000306

GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, Plaintiff-Appellee,

vs.

JOYCELYN WANDA UNCIANO, Defendant-Appellant and WAYNE NOELANI TOM, et al., Defendants

APPEAL FROM THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT (Civil No. 03-1-1029-05)

and

EXHIBIT "B"

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original.

Dated, Honolulu, Hawai'i

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Clerk, Appeliate Courts
-State of Hawai'i

CAAP-13-0001307

JOYCELYN W. UNCIANO, Petitioner-Appellant, vs.
GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC, Respondent-Appellee

APPEAL FROM THE LAND COURT OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I (APPLICATION NO. 1069; CASE NO. 11-1069)

SUMMARY DISPOSITION ORDER
(By: Nakamura, Chief Judge, and Fujise and Reifurth, JJ.)

In these consolidated appeals, Defendant-Appellant Joycelyn W. Unciano (Unciano) appeals from: (1) the Judgment filed in the Circuit Court of the First Circuit (Circuit Court)1/ on August 18, 2011 (Foreclosure Judgment), entered pursuant to the Circuit Court's "Findings of Fact; Conclusions of Law; and Order Granting Plaintiff's Motion to (1) Substitute Party and Amend Caption, and (2) for Summary Judgment and for Interlocutory Decree of Foreclosure";2/ (2) the Judgment filed in the Circuit Court on March 25, 2013 (Confirmation of Sale Judgment), entered pursuant to the Circuit Court's "Order Granting in Part and Denying in Part Plaintiff's Motion for (1) Confirmation of Sale, (2) Approval of Commissioner's Report, (3) Attorneys' Fees and Costs; and (4) a Deficiency Judgment, filed on May 23, 2012";3/ (3) the Judgment for Possession filed by the Circuit Court on March 25, 2013; and (4) the "Final Order and Decree Denying Petition of Joycelyn Wanda Unciano to Cancel Land Court Order 186175 and Amendment of Transfer Certificate of Title No. 546,739, Filed August 4, 2011" (Order Denying Land Court

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IV.

We review a trial court's grant or denial of summary judqment de novo, Querubin v. Thronas, 107 Hawai'i 48, 56, 109 P.3d 689, 697 (2005), using the same standard applicable to the trial court. Iddings v. Mee-Lee, 82 Hawai'i 1, 5, 919 P.2d 263, 267 (1996). Summary judgment is proper "if the pleadings, depositions, answers to interrogatories, and admissions on file, together with the affidavits, if any, show that there is no genuine issue as to any material fact and that the moving party is entitled to a judgment as a matter of law." HRCP Rule 56(c) (2000). "A fact is material if proof of that fact would have the effect of establishing or refuting one of the essential elements of a cause of action or defense asserted by the parties." Blair v. Ing, 95 Hawai'i 247, 252, 21 P.3d 452, 457 (2001) (internal quotation marks and citation omitted; format altered). evidence and the inferences drawn from the evidence must be viewed in the light most favorable to the non-moving party. Kamaka v. Goodsill Anderson Quinn & Stifel, 117 Hawaii 92, 104, 176 P.3d 91, 103 (2008).

The burden is on the party moving for summary judgment (moving party) to show the absence of any genuine issue as to all material facts, which, under applicable principles of substantive law, entitles the moving party to judgment as a matter of law. This burden has two components.

First, the moving party has the burden of producing support for its claim that: (1) no genuine issue of material fact exists with respect to the essential elements of the

claim or defense which the motion seeks to establish or which the motion questions; and (2) based on the undisputed facts, it is entitled to summary judgment as a matter of law. Only when the moving party satisfies its initial burden of production does the burden shift to the non-moving party to respond to the motion for summary judgment and demonstrate specific facts, as opposed to general allegations, that present a genuine issue worthy of trial.

Second, the moving party bears the ultimate burden of persuasion. This burden always remains with the moving party and requires the moving party to convince the court that no genuine issue of material fact exists and that the moving party is entitled to summary judgment as a matter of law.

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As summarized above, in opposition to GMAC's motion for summary judgment, Unciano made a specific showing (through presenting evidence and identifying the absence of evidence) of a clear break or gap between the assignment of the Mortgage to Homecomings Inc. (Minnesota) and the purported acquisition by Homecomings Inc. (Delaware) of the Mortgage. GMAC's claim to ownership of the Mortgage was based on an assignment by Homecomings Financial, LLC, the entity into which Homecomings Inc. (Delaware) had been converted. However, GMAC failed in the Circuit Court to present evidence showing how Homecomings Inc. (Delaware) had acquired the Mortgage. Based on the existing record, we conclude that there were genuine issues of material fact as to whether Homecomings Inc. (Delaware) had been a valid owner and holder of the Mortgage. This, in turn, created genuine issues of material fact regarding whether GMAC (whose interest in the Mortgage was derived from Homecomings Inc. (Delaware)) was the owner of the Mortgage and was entitled to foreclose on the Subject Property. Accordingly, we conclude that the Circuit Court erred in granting GMAC's motion for summary judgment and. decree of foreclosure.11/

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For essentially the same reasons, we conclude that the Circuit Court erred in substituting GMAC for Homecomings Financial, LLC as the plaintiff. GMAC lacks standing to pursue the Foreclosure Action unless GMAC can show that it is the owner of the Mortgage. Therefore, we vacate the Circuit Court's Foreclosure Judgment, which was based on the Circuit Court's order granting GMAC's motion to substitute as the plaintiff and for summary judgment and decree of foreclosure, and we remand the case for further proceedings. 12/

V.

The Circuit Court's Confirmation of Sale Judgment and Judgment for Possession were based on its Foreclosure Judgment. Our decision to vacate the Foreclosure Judgment requires that we also vacate the Confirmation of Sale Judgment and Judgment for Possession. We also vacate the Land Court's Order Denying Land Court Petition. The question of whether the assignment of mortgage to GMAC is properly recorded on TCT No. 546,739 will depend upon how the dispute over whether GMAC is the valid owner of the Mortgage is resolved on remand.

VT.

For the foregoing reasons, we: (1) vacate the Circuit Court's Foreclosure Judgment, Confirmation of Sale Judgment, and Judgment for Possession; (2) vacate the Land Court's Order

 $[\]frac{11}{2}$ (...continued) as the movant in the motion for summary judgment and decree of foreclosure, GMAC had the burden of establishing the absence of a genuine issue of material fact and its entitlement to relief.

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Denying Land Court Petition; and (3) remand the matters for further proceedings consistent with this Summary Disposition Order.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawai'i, June 30, 2014.

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ORDER OF CORRECTION
(By: Nakamura, Chief Judge, for the court1)

The Summary Disposition Order of the court, filed on June 30, 2014, is hereby corrected as follows:

On page 1, in first line of the caption, the reference to "CAAP-13-0000396" should be corrected to read "CAAP-13-0000306."

The clerk of the court is directed to take all necessary steps to notify the publishing agencies of this change.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawai'i, August 27, 2014.

FOR THE COURT:

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FOR THE COURT:

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failed to present any evidence showing that Homecomings, Inc. (Minnesota) was the same entity as Homecomings, Inc. (Delaware), or that Homecomings, Inc. (Minnesota) was in any way related to Homecomings, Inc. (Delaware). Despite the specific showing and assertions made by Unciano, GMAC did not respond by presenting any evidence that Homecomings, Inc. (Minnesota) and Homecomings, Inc. (Delaware) were the same entity or were related in some fashion. GMAC also did not present any evidence showing that Homecomings, Inc. (Minnesota) has assigned the Mortgage to Homecomings Inc. (Delaware) or to Homecomings Financial, LLC.

IV.

We review a trial court's grant or denial of summary judgment de novo, <u>Querubin v. Thronas</u>, 107 Hawai'i 48, 56, 109 P.3d 689, 697 (2005), using the same standard applicable to the trial court. Iddings v. Mee-Lee, 82 Hawai'i 1, 5, 919 P.2d 263, 267 (1996). Summary judgment is proper "if the pleadings, depositions, answers to interrogatories, and admissions on file, together with the affidavits, if any, show that there is no genuine issue as to any material fact and that the moving party is entitled to a judgment as a matter of law." HRCP Rule 56(c) (2000). "A fact is material if proof of that fact would have the effect of establishing or refuting one of the essential elements of a cause of action or defense asserted by the parties." Blair v. Ing, 95 Hawai'i 247, 252, 21 P.3d 452, 457 (2001) (internal quotation marks and citation omitted; format altered). evidence and the inferences drawn from the evidence must be viewed in the light most favorable to the non-moving party. Kamaka v. Goodsill Anderson Quinn & Stifel, 117 Hawai'i 92, 104, 176 P.3d 91, 103 (2008).

The burden is on the party moving for summary judgment (moving party) to show the absence of any genuine issue as to all material facts, which, under applicable principles of substantive law, entitles the moving party to judgment as a matter of law. This burden has two components.

First, the moving party has the burden of producing support for its claim that: (1) no genuine issue of material fact exists with respect to the essential elements of the

claim or defense which the motion seeks to establish or which the motion questions; and (2) based on the undisputed facts, it is entitled to summary judgment as a matter of law. Only when the moving party satisfies its initial burden of production does the burden shift to the non-moving party to respond to the motion for summary judgment and demonstrate specific facts, as opposed to general allegations, that present a genuine issue worthy of trial.

Second, the moving party bears the ultimate burden of persuasion. This burden always remains with the moving party and requires the moving party to convince the court that no genuine issue of material fact exists and that the moving party is entitled to summary judgment as a matter of law.

French v. Hawaii Pizza Hut, Inc., 105 Hawai'i 462, 470, 99 P.3d 1046, 1054 (2004) (emphasis in original omitted; format altered) (quoting GECC Fin. Corp. v. Jaffarian, 79 Hawai'i 516, 521, 904 P.2d 530, 535 (App. 1995)).

As summarized above, in opposition to GMAC's motion for summary judgment, Unciano made a specific showing (through presenting evidence and identifying the absence of evidence) of a clear break or gap between the assignment of the Mortgage to Homecomings Inc. (Minnesota) and the purported acquisition by Homecomings Inc. (Delaware) of the Mortgage. GMAC's claim to ownership of the Mortgage was based on an assignment by Homecomings Financial, LLC, the entity into which Homecomings Inc. (Delaware) had been converted. However, GMAC failed in the Circuit Court to present evidence showing how Homecomings Inc. (Delaware) had acquired the Mortgage. Based on the existing record, we conclude that there were genuine issues of material fact as to whether Homecomings Inc. (Delaware) had been a valid owner and holder of the Mortgage. This, in turn, created genuine issues of material fact regarding whether GMAC (whose interest in the Mortgage was derived from Homecomings Inc. (Delaware)) was the owner of the Mortgage and was entitled to foreclose on the Subject Property. Accordingly, we conclude that the Circuit Court erred in granting GMAC's motion for summary judgment and decree of foreclosure. 11/

 $^{^{11&#}x27;}$ GMAC argues that Unciano did not prove that Homecomings Inc. (Minnesota) and Homecomings, Inc. (Delaware) were separate entities. However, (continued...)

For essentially the same reasons, we conclude that the Circuit Court erred in substituting GMAC for Homecomings Financial, LLC as the plaintiff. GMAC lacks standing to pursue the Foreclosure Action unless GMAC can show that it is the owner of the Mortgage. Therefore, we vacate the Circuit Court's Foreclosure Judgment, which was based on the Circuit Court's order granting GMAC's motion to substitute as the plaintiff and for summary judgment and decree of foreclosure, and we remand the case for further proceedings. 12/

V.

The Circuit Court's Confirmation of Sale Judgment and Judgment for Possession were based on its Foreclosure Judgment. Our decision to vacate the Foreclosure Judgment requires that we also vacate the Confirmation of Sale Judgment and Judgment for Possession. We also vacate the Land Court's Order Denying Land Court Petition. The question of whether the assignment of mortgage to GMAC is properly recorded on TCT No. 546,739 will depend upon how the dispute over whether GMAC is the valid owner of the Mortgage is resolved on remand.

VI.

For the foregoing reasons, we: (1) vacate the Circuit Court's Foreclosure Judgment, Confirmation of Sale Judgment, and Judgment for Possession; (2) vacate the Land Court's Order

 $[\]underline{n}$ /(...continued) as the movant in the motion for summary judgment and decree of foreclosure, GMAC had the burden of establishing the absence of a genuine issue of material fact and its entitlement to relief.

 $[\]frac{12}{2}$ We reject Unciano's claim that she was entitled to summary judgment in the Foreclosure Action. GMAC would be entitled to the relief it requests in the Foreclosure Action if it can show on remand that it is the owner of the Mortgage.

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Denying Land Court Petition; and (3) remand the matters for further proceedings consistent with this Summary Disposition Order.

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